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Washington, D.C. 20505

Intelligence Research and Development Council

4 November 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard D. DeLauer  
Chairman, Intelligence Research and  
Development Council

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: Status Report (U)

1. I thought it might prove useful to give you a recap of what has transpired in the IR&DC while you were TDY. First, we have had the IR&DC sponsored Digital Imagery Processing and Exploitation Symposium at NPIC. About 300 people attended and were briefed in three days on all aspects of the digital imagery field, now and projected through the 1990s. The Symposium, I believe, was well conducted, and the attendees seemed to enjoy the presentations and the chance to talk shop with each other. The proceedings will be published in about a month and distributed throughout the Intelligence and Defense Communities. The Council will also receive a wrap-up briefing in January concerning results of the Symposium. Bobby Inman gave the keynote address; attached find an extract of his comments. His main point was that we must use technology to find ways to get imagery out to the users in a timely fashion and the means we now have are just too slow and too expensive. (S)

2. Bob Hermann may have already talked to you about this, but at the suggestion of Pete Aldridge, and with agreement by [REDACTED] the IR&DC Study Group has been asked to provide an input for the DCI for his consideration for submission to George Keyworth [REDACTED] This submission is required in early January. Bob has charged his panel to meet this accelerated schedule and work is proceeding. There will be two reports as an output. One in January which will met the accelerated task, and the final one in March which Bobby Inman has asked the Council to do. (S)

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3. The Les Dirks study group on the impact of emerging technologies on imagery processing and exploitation has completed their study and issued a draft report. I have sent the report to the Council members for comment, and the report will be briefed to the Council at our 19 November meeting. After discussion before the Council members, I will draft a forwarding letter with recommendations for your consideration to transmit the report to Bobby Inman.

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I think the report is pretty good and focuses quite clearly on where technology leverage may be applied to improve our imagery processing and exploitation efforts. A good summation of their findings are in the conclusions and recommendations section. Les unfortunately will not be able to attend the meeting on 19 November, due to a prior commitment on the West Coast. Therefore, I have scheduled on your calendar a short meeting on 16 November with Les, so that he may personally outline to you his thoughts on what recommendations should be passed to Inman. (S)

4. Tony Tether and I continue to work on arranging for the transfer of the Air Force [redacted] to the aegis of the IR&DC. We hope to be able by the meeting on 19 November to have the preliminaries worked out and be able to provide you with an announcement for the Council about the impending action. The transfer involves the sharing of responsibilities among DIA, the Air Force, and USDREC<sup>3</sup>, as directed by the IR&DC. (S)

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Attachments:

- A. Copy Admiral Inman's Remarks
- B. Les Dirks' Transmittal ltr to Chmn. IR&DC
- C. [redacted]

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